

## SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION GOVERNANCE REFORM

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Smithsonian Institution governance reform, focusing on a report by the Smithsonian's Independent Review Committee, after receiving testimony from Representative Matsui; and Charles Bowsher, Independent Review Committee, Roger W. Sant, Executive Committee Board of Regents, Cristian Samper, Acting Secretary, and Diana Aviv, Governance Committee, all of the Smithsonian Institution.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1662, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize the venture capital program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (as approved by the committee, the substitute amendment incorporates provisions of S. 1663); and

S. 1671, to reauthorize and improve the entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business

Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1547, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, with amendments; and

S. 1548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, with amendments.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 2857–2873; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 175; and H. Res. 518–519; were introduced.

**Pages H7201–02**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H7202–03**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–212) and

H. Res. 517, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2829) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–213).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sires to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008:** The House began consideration of H.R. 2643, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior,

environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 27th.

**Pages H7087–H7197**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2643 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 514, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk.

**Pages H7134–35**

Agreed to:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that redirects \$1 million within the Operation of the National Park System account;

**Pages H7100–01**

Weiner amendment (No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that increases funding, by offset, for the Operation of the National Park System by \$1 million;

**Pages H7101–02**

Shays amendment (No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that redirects \$1 million within the Operation of Indian Programs account;

**Pages H7105–06**

Dicks amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that increases

funding, by offset, for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$30 million; **Pages H7106–07**

Cannon amendment that decreases funding for the Office of the Secretary (Bureau of Indian Affairs) by \$23,148,000 and increases funding for Department-Wide Programs by \$20,148,000; **Pages H7107–08**

McHugh amendment (No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that redirects \$1 million in funding for Science and Technology under the Environmental Protection Agency account; **Pages H7125–26**

Price (GA) amendment that redirects \$3,884,000 million in funding within Science and Technology under the Environmental Protection Agency account; **Pages H7126–27**

Jindal amendment (No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that redirects \$2.5 million in funding for Environmental Programs and Management; **Pages H7129–30**

LoBiondo amendment (No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that redirects \$1 million in funding regarding Toxic Substances and Environmental Public Health; **Pages H7139–42**

Bishop (UT) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to condemn land; **Page H7145**

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to eliminate or restrict programs that are for the reforestation of urban areas; **Pages H7148–50**

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to limit outreach programs administered by the Smithsonian Institution; **Pages H7170–72**

Harman amendment (No. 31 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulbs have the “ENERGY STAR” or “Federal Energy Management Program” designation; **Page H7185**

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to promulgate or implement the Environmental Protection Agency proposed regulations published in the Federal Register on January 3, 2007 (by a recorded vote of 252 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 556); and **Pages H7145–48, H7192–93**

Andrews amendment that prohibits funds from being used to plan, design, study, or construct, for the purpose of harvesting timber by private entities or individuals, a forest development road in the

Tongass National Forest (by a recorded vote of 283 ayes to 145 noes, Roll No. 563). **Pages H7177–80, H7197**

Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment that sought to reduce funding for land acquisition under the Bureau of Land Management by \$17,015,000; **Pages H7096–97**

Peterson (PA) amendment that sought to include areas within 100 miles of the coastline under the President’s moratorium statement of June 12, 1998 and to include areas within 100 miles of the coastline in the funding restrictions regarding oil and natural gas preleasing activities; **Pages H7121–23**

Gingrey en bloc amendment that sought to strike provisions relating to the Commission on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and to strike the \$50 million appropriated for such commission; **Pages H7127–29**

Bishop (UT) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being made available through a grant to any Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) organization who is a party to a lawsuit against the dispensing agency; **Page H7148**

Gary G. Miller (CA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being obligated or expended to conduct the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study in the cities of Diamond Bar, La Habra, Industry, Chino Hills, and the community of Rowland Heights in Los Angeles County, California; **Pages H7180–82**

King (IA) amendment that sought to increase funds by \$100,000,000 for the Operation of the National Park System and reduce funds for the EPA by \$163,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 551); **Pages H7102–03, H7188**

Peterson (PA) amendment that sought to insert language on page 50, line 3, after the period and page 50, line 7, after the period stating “The preceding sentence shall not apply with respect to natural gas offshore preleasing, leasing, and related activities beyond 25 miles from the coastline” (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 552); **Pages H7113–21, H7189**

Conaway amendment that sought to strike section 104 regarding the conduct of offshore preleasing, leasing and relative activities and section 105 regarding funds to conduct oil and natural gas preleasing, leasing and related activities in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 553); **Pages H7123–25, H7190–91**

Bishop (UT) amendment that sought to increase funding by \$13 million for Forest and Rangeland Research and decrease funding by \$31,588,000 for

Grants and Administration under the National Endowment for the Arts (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 270 noes, Roll No. 554);

**Pages H7132–34, H7191**

Barton (TX) amendment that sought to strike section 501 (relating to global climate change) (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 555);

**Pages H7143–45, H7191–92**

Dent amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce section 20(b)(1) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 557);

**Pages H7150–51, H7193**

Pearce amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the continued operation of the Mexican Wolf Recovery program (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 558);

**Pages H7152–70, H7193–94**

Hensarling amendment (No. 34 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the Clover Bend Historic Site (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 331 noes, Roll No. 559);

**Pages H7172–73, H7194–95**

Hensarling amendment (No. 44 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the St. Joseph's College Theater (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 560);

**Pages H7173–75, H7195**

Hensarling amendment (No. 56 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Maverick Concert Hall (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 561); and

**Pages H7175–76, H7195–96**

Hensarling amendment (No. 74 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Bremerton Public Library (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 333 noes, Roll No. 562).

**Pages H7176–77, H7196–97**

**Withdrawn:**

Lamborn amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for Department-Wide Programs (Indian Affairs) by \$160,000,000 and reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$60,000,000; **Page H7111**

Conaway amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce funds appropriated for Environmental Programs and Management by \$2; to increase funds appropriated for Environmental Programs and Management by \$1; to increase funds appropriated for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$1; and to increase funds appropriated for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$1; and

**Pages H7130–32**

Conaway amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to express the sense of the House that any reduction in the amount appropriated as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction.

**Pages H7187–88**

**Point of Order sustained against:**

Bishop (UT) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Forest Service;

**Page H7096**

Lamborn amendment that sought to increase funding for Department-Wide Programs (Indian Affairs) by \$52,000,000 and to reduce funds for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$160,000,000;

**Pages H7111–12**

Sullivan amendment that sought to strike section 501 and insert language stating that no Federally-mandated steps should be taken to mitigate global climate change if those steps would harm American consumers, workers, or businesses in any way; and

**Pages H7142–43**

Kingston amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enter into a contract with an entity that does not participate in the basic pilot program.

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**Proceedings Postponed:**

Ginny Brown-Waite (FL) amendment that seeks to reduce funds for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$32 million;

**Pages H7182–84**

Campbell (CA) amendment (#51 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for the Wetzel County Courthouse, New Martinsville, West Virginia; and

**Pages H7184–85**

Campbell (CA) amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for the Conte Anadromous Fish Laboratory.

**Pages H7185–87**

H. Res. 514, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question.

**Pages H7083–87**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of William Hungate, former Member of Congress.

**Pages H7188–89**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7110 and H7177.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 25 was held at the desk and S. 1612 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7203–05.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7188, H7189–90, H7190–91, H7191,

H7191–92, H7192–93, H7193, H7193–94, H7194–95, H7195, H7195–96, H7196–97, and H7197. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DOD MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on structure, process and tools for improving Department of Defense Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary; Jack D. Patterson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Comptroller; and Paul A. Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary, Business Transportation.

### WALTER REED PROGRESS REVIEWS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on findings of the Independent Review Group and an in-progress review of actions at Walter Reed. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Independent Review Group: John O. Marsh, Co-Chair and former Secretary of the Army; and Togo D. West, Jr., former Secretary of the Army and former Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; MG Gale S. Pollock, USA, Acting Surgeon General; MG Eric B. Schoomaker, USA, Commander and BG Michael S. Tucker, USA, Deputy Commanding General, both with the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command and Walter Reed Army Medical Center; and COL Terrence McKenrick, USA, Commander, Warrior Transition Brigade, Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

### EXPEDITIONARY FIGHTING VEHICLE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Roger Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Expeditionary Warfare; LTG Emerson Gardner, USMC, Deputy Commander, Marine Corps, Program and Resources; David Ahern, Director, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; and COL William Taylor, USMC, Program Executive Officer, Marine Corps Land Systems.

### U.S. DEBT—FOREIGN HOLDINGS

*Committee on the Budget:* Hearing on Foreign Holdings of U.S. Debt: Is Our Economy Vulnerable? Testi-

mony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PREDATORY SALES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Predatory Sales Practices in Medicare Advantage.” Testimony was heard from Abby Block, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Kathleen Healey, Director, Health Insurance Assistance Program, Department of Senior Services, State of Alabama; Jim Poolman, Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of North Dakota; Kim Holland, Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of Oklahoma; Lee Harrell, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2547, FDIC Enforcement Enhancement Act; H. Con. Res. 140, as amended, Recognizing the low presence of minorities in the Financial services industry and minorities and women in upper level positions of management, and expressing the sense of the Congress that active measures should be taken to increase the demographic diversity of the financial services industry; and H.R. 2786, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007.

### SEC INVESTOR PROTECTION/MARKET OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “A Review of Investor Protection and Market Oversight With the Five Commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission.” Testimony was heard from the following members of the SEC: Christopher Cox, Chairman; Paul S. Atkins; Roel C. Campos; Annette L. Nazareth; and Kathleen L. Casey, all Commissioners.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 176, amended, Shirley A. Chisholm United States-Caribbean Educational Exchange Act of 2007; H.R. 1400, amended, Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007; H.R. 2844, Food Security and Agricultural Development Act of 2007; H. Res. 121, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge, apologize, and